



Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office City Council Meeting Recap 11.12.19

A brief recap of important items discussed during the November 12, 2019 City Council meeting is provided below:

November 12, 2019 ([Meeting Agenda](#))

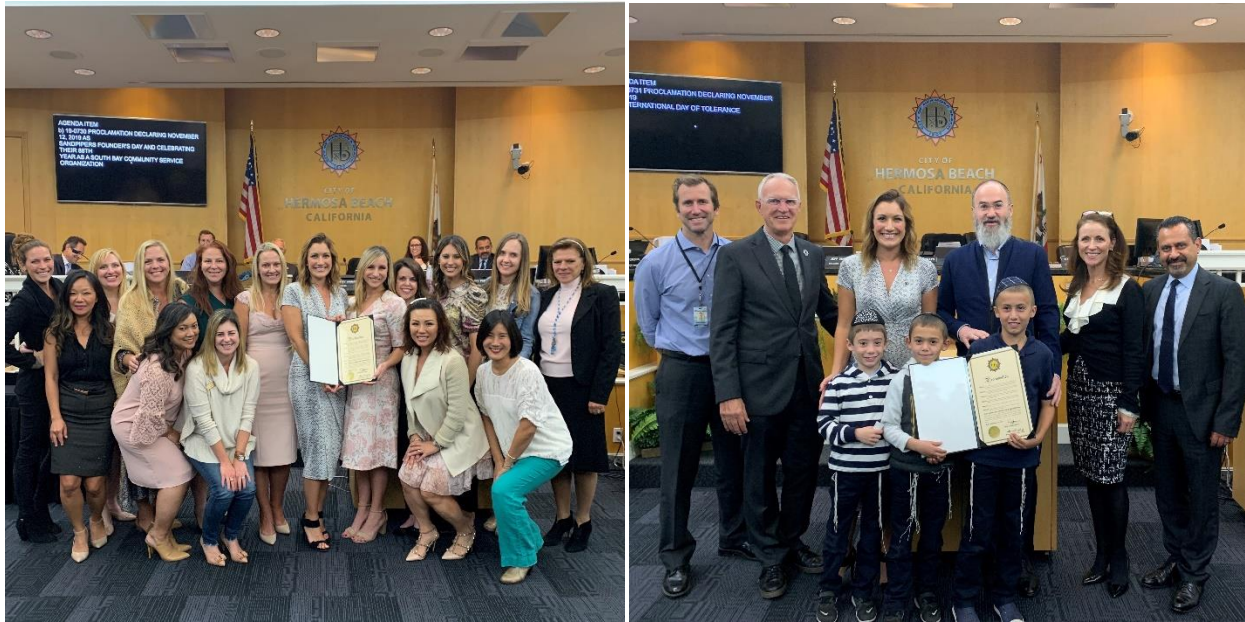
Recognition of Chief of Police Sharon Papa – Council recognized Sharon Papa, a 40-year law enforcement veteran, who served as Hermosa Beach's Chief of Police from September 2013 to October 2019. Among her many accomplishments, Chief Papa created the Community Police Advisory Board and Community Police Academy, improved Police Department training, and implemented [Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design](#) to deter crime with emphasis on the Downtown area. Chief Papa was also recognized by the Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association along with the offices of Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey, Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, State Senator Ben Allen, and Congressman Ted Lieu. After taking medical leave in September 2018 due to ocular melanoma, Chief Papa advised she is now cancer free.



Proclamation Declaring November 12, 2019 as Sandpipers Founder's Day – celebrating their 88th year as a South Bay community service organization, [Sandpipers](#) is based in Hermosa Beach and is a 100% volunteer women's philanthropic organization of over 800 members supporting deserving individuals, children and families. Pictured below at left: Sandpipers President Natalie Radtke and Sandpipers members.



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Proclamation Declaring November 16, 2019 as International Day of Tolerance – Council declared November 16, 2019 as the International Day of Tolerance, first initiated by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) in 1995 to foster mutual understanding among cultures and peoples. Pictured above at right: Rabbi Yossi Mintz and sons.

City Manager Updates

City Manager Suja Lowenthal provided an update on the following item:

- **Update on Valley Park Restroom Renovations** – renovations started on November 7th with painting completed. New plumbing fixtures, partitions and a drinking fountain will be installed with completion expected by November 14th.

Los Angeles County Fire Department and McCormick Ambulance Quarterly Update – Emergency Management Coordinator Brandy Villanueva provided an update on Hermosa Beach fire and ambulance services for July to September 2019. During the quarter, the Los Angeles County Fire Department responded to 463 incidents (+22%) with an average response time of 5:14 (4% longer) compared to 381 incidents and a 5:01 average response time during the same period in 2018. McCormick Ambulance conducted 237 transports during the quarter, 5% more than the same period last year. Fire Station 100 (540 Pier Avenue) construction is on track for completion by March 2020 with demolition of the 2nd floor completed and interior first floor work in progress.

Public Hearing: Single Use Plastic and Polystyrene Products Ban Expansion – to reduce the amount of plastics dumped in landfills and polluting waterways, Council introduced an ordinance to amend [Hermosa Beach Municipal Code Chapters 8.64](#) and [1.10](#) to expand the City's ban on single use plastic and polystyrene/Styrofoam products effective on or about June 2020 (the City may grant up to a one year hardship exemption on a case-by-case basis upon written request) and make violations subject to administrative



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penalties. The ordinance would be similar in scope to the City of Manhattan Beach and would prohibit the following:

- Certain single use plastics including stirrers, straws and utensils - distribution & use with an accommodation provided for plastic straws for disabled individuals. An "upon request" policy would be implemented for non-plastic versions of these items
- Latex balloons - distribution & use at City or City-sponsored events; and release within City limits
- Mylar/foil/metalized balloons – distribution & sale; and use on public property
- Polystyrene meat/fish/produce trays and coolers - distribution & sale
- Polystyrene packing materials - distribution, sale & use

The City will continue outreach and education efforts for businesses and stakeholders on compliance and cost-effective available alternatives.

Public Hearing: Ordinance Adopting the 2019 California Building Standards Code – Council introduced an ordinance to amend [Title 15 of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code](#) to adopt the 2019 Edition of the California Building Standards Code (CBSC). Staff will also return to Council with options and best practices to require improved contractor notifications to residents of upcoming construction and to potentially minimize the duration of noisy work. Staff will also research requiring new construction to install all-electric systems instead of natural gas as part of the triennial CBSC update scheduled for 2022.

Prohibition of New Tobacco Retailer Licenses and Sale of All Vaping Products - Council directed staff to return to Council with ordinances to prohibit issuance of any new tobacco retailer licenses; and to prohibit the sale of all vaping products. Council also directed staff to facilitate a discussion with all City tobacco retailers (approximately 14), preferably with the Beach Cities Health District, on the process and timeline to make Hermosa Beach tobacco free.

Miscellaneous Items & Other Matters:

- **Gender Equity Resolution** - Council adopted a resolution for the City to undertake efforts to achieve gender equity in its workforce, operations and services. The City will begin with an assessment to evaluate and recommend feasible next steps.
- **Hermosa Beach Sister City Association** – Councilmember Duclos reported on attendance of a trip to Loreto, Mexico from October 24 to 28, 2019 for the 20th anniversary of the HBSCA's Paramedic Training Program.
- **League of California Cities Conference** – Mayor Armato and Councilmembers Duclos and Fangary reported on conference activities which took place in Long Beach, CA from October 16 to 18, 2019 including sessions on affordable housing, civility, the Coastal Commission, discrimination/harassment, drone regulation and short term vacation rentals.
- **No-Fault Eviction Urgency Ordinance** – Council agreed to place consideration of an urgency ordinance on their November 18, 2019 agenda as requested by Councilmember Fangary to prohibit no-fault evictions through December 31, 2019 in Hermosa Beach for properties built prior to January 1, 2005 per the recent passage of [AB 1482, the Tenant Protections Act of 2019](#) by the California



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State Legislature on October 8, 2019, which placed a cap on rent increases and strengthened tenant protection rights.

- **Subcommittee / Delegate Updates** – Mayor Armato advised the **Downtown Subcommittee** may meet with the Parks & Recreation Committee to discuss the City's special event approval process with input from local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce. Hermosa and Pier Avenues will have holiday lighting installed by November 23, 2019. As part of the **South Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee**, Councilmember Fangary advised the Los Angeles County deadline for submitting Safe Clean Water Program projects for Measure W funding is December 15, 2019; Hermosa's infiltration project could be a candidate for submittal at the discretion of the Infiltration Subcommittee and staff.
- **Tentative Future Agenda Items** – Councilmember Fangary requested the upcoming Strand Safety Initiatives and Enforcement Update be made available in writing; and that consideration of the Municipal Lease Policy be moved to January 2020 instead of December 17, 2019 in observance of the holiday season with appropriate notices provided to non-profit groups.

AN ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019 (NO MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019).

AN ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 6 P.M. ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019 AND WILL INCLUDE A MAYOR TRANSITION CEREMONY AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION.

Questions or comments? Contact the Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia Monday through Thursday, 7AM – 6PM at (310) 318-0201 or via email at ndeanda@hermosabeach.gov

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